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A Bankrupt Law.

The Nashville "American" is calling for a national bankrupt law. Very likely there will soon be a general demand for such a measure.
Before the present financial strain is over, there will be numbers of persons who will be found to be insolvent, and it would be better for them, and for the country, that they should be allowed to start afresh than to leave them to struggle with the burden of debts which they can neither pay nor be discharged from. We expect soon to hear a loud cry, particularly from the West, for a national bankrupt law. Indeed, such a law has been long needed; but the recollections of the last law on the subject, and of the hardships then suffered by creditors, have disinclined many Southern congressmen to favor any of the various bills proposed.

What this country needs is a simple, speedy and economical law. We should like to see the fees of court officers made low and the provisions of the law made explicit so that lawyers could afford to charge moderate fees for their professional services.

The last bankrupt law was administered in many parts of the South by court officers who were odious to the people, and many of them proved to be dishonest adventurers. Hence the very name of "bankrupt law" stinks in the nostrils of many very worthy people and makes them hostile to all proposed measures of this character. It is not to be wondered at that this feeling prevails. But a little consideration ought to convince all such opponents of a bankrupt law that we need have little or no apprehension of this sort now. Few of the bankrupt harpies of olden times remain with us, and these could not exert such power as they used to be allowed to exercise.

The New York "Journal of Commerce" says that ever since the repeal of the former bankrupt law the business men of the East have sought for a new one, but that many representatives from the West and South have been "under the impression that they were serving the interests of their constituents by opposing it." These persons, the Journal says, were willing to have a law providing for voluntary bankruptcy, "but, as the merchants in their districts were often in debt for goods bought in the East, they believed they were taking care of the interests of their own people in denying to the Eastern merchant the power to throw his debtor into bankruptcy." Another consideration that had weight (continues the Journal), was the belief that under the State insolvency laws the creditor who was near by had a "good deal of advantage over the remote creditor, and the opponents of National bankrupt laws believed that they were not only protecting their debtor constituents, but their creditor constituents also by their course."

It is possible that a few sordid persons were influenced by the consideration last mentioned; but they were very few. Southern hostility to the bankrupt law was the outgrowth of the wrongs our people suffered by that law—or rather from the persons who were appointed to administer it. It is associated, too, with the days of "carpet-bagging" and "scallywagging," but we doubt not that all these memories will be put aside if a bill is framed, which will be just, and as inexpensive as it is possible to make such a law. This sort of law is needed; such a law Congress can and should give the country.

Our Convention and Banks.

It is a pity that the Democratic party of Virginia came so near leaving the RICHMOND DISPATCH on the outside by the adoption of a platform that favors the repeal of the State-bank law—*Roscoe Wicks.*

The Chicago platform of last year made the same recommendation. But, as we understand the matter, no party considered himself "departed" by it.

On the contrary, Hon. JASON BROWN, of Indiana, a member of the Chicago convention, has said that he spoke all over his State during the campaign of last year, and everywhere denounced the proposition to return to the old State-bank system.

But let it be understood that the Chicago platform merely recommended the repeal of the 10 per cent. tax law. So as to the Virginia platform of 1893, Recollect, too, that the State-bank advocates do not hesitate to declare that they have not proposed, and do not intend to propose, to substitute the State-bank system for the National-bank system. Discussion may bring out the best of banking systems. The protection of panics is a law that will protect depositors as note-holders are now protected.

Col. BRADY will retire from the office (Collector of Internal Revenue) he has filled for many years with the full consciousness of the approbation of his superior officers, the respect of the public whose interests he has served with conspicuous zeal and ability, and with the best wishes for his future of thousands of friends not only in this city but throughout the State. *Judith Adair.*

The DISPATCH has never been able to endorse Colonel Brady's politics, but that can afford us no excuse for withholding from him his just meed of praise. His office has been so well managed as to earn him a high standing at the department. He has ever shown a ready disposition to oblige, and we acknowledge our indebtedness to him for much valuable statistical information.

tion which cost him time and trouble to prepare.

Mr. Cooke's Address.

Mr. COOKE's address to the people of Virginia, which we published yesterday, is plain, well-ordered, and worthy of perusal. Nevertheless, there is nothing in it which will cause Gov. McKINNEY to change his expectation of a "walk over" for the Democrats next fall. In fact, we cannot imagine upon what Mr. COOKE bases his hope that he will be the next Governor of Virginia.

Mr. COOKE arraigns the money-power for having made war upon silver, and declares that this war caused all our monetary troubles. Inasmuch as it is the Republican party, and not the Democratic party, that has thus executed the behests of the money-power, the Democrats may or may not deem it incumbent upon them to discuss the matter. If Mr. COOKE has any hope whatever of being the next Governor, it must be because he expects to be supported by the Republican party, and particularly by the colored contingent of that party. The Democratic votes that he will get will be few in number. When, therefore, he declares, as he does, that the cause of our present distress has culminated in the effort to demonetize silver, he brings a charge against the Republican party, without whose votes the People's-party candidate cannot carry a dozen counties, perhaps, not half a dozen. It is rather amusing than otherwise to find a candidate circumstanced as Mr. COOKE is, seriously attempting to make the voters believe that the Democratic party is responsible for the anti-silver legislation which the Republicans put upon the statute-book in various forms. When Mr. COOKE calls upon the people to align themselves with one or the other of the two parties of which he speaks, and describes the features of those two parties, he simply calls attention to the fact that he is the anti-Republican party, or the party opposed to the Democratic party, which ruined the country by receiving its orders in Wall street. The Democratic party had not been in possession of the government for thirty years before the 14th of March last.

Therefore, though as Mr. COOKE charges, the money-power may be demanding "gold and gold alone" as money, he cannot say that this remark is true of the Democratic party of Virginia. Mr. COOKE says that we "must have no fraud stains, no dark spots shading our map of Virginia." We would fain hope that he did not mean to charge that the Democratic people of Virginia, with whom he has, we suppose, heretofore affiliated, had been guilty of election frauds. Yet his language will bear this construction, for he says expressly, "it is known and read of all men that those spots are there."

Mr. COOKE rather unnecessarily declares that the immigrants who come to Virginia must be protected in all their rights, and we began to think that he had not claimed as much for the negroes; but we soon came upon his declaration that this right must be guaranteed to every citizen of this State "to-day" (that is, every negro).

Mr. COOKE says he asks nothing for himself, except the Governorship we suppose we may add. When, however, he asks for nothing, he asks just what he will get.

We regret to have to "part company" with such men as Mr. COOKE; but we cannot do otherwise. We stand "super antiquas vias." "We go where Democratic principles lead."

The Lee Mantle Case.

The vote in the United States Senate on Wednesday last on the question of admitting LEE MANTLE to a seat in that body was one worthy of mention for several reasons. First, the Senate reversed one or two of the decisions which that body has made since the war between the States, and returned to the theory held by the Senate for many years, namely, that the only vacancies which, under the Constitution of the United States, a Governor of a State has the power to fill are such vacancies as were not foreseen and inevitable. In the case of Mr. MANTLE, the Legislature of Montana had an opportunity to elect a Senator, but had not availed itself of it. Therefore, the Governor had no right to appoint.

We hold that the Governor of a State has the right to fill any vacancy which, in the language of Ben Hill, "happens to exist" during the recess of the Legislature.

Second, both Virginia Senators voted to seat Mr. Mantle, as did also Senator Hill, of New York.

We think that a majority of the silver Senators, so called, voted to seat Mr. Mantle, or, in other words, against Mr. Vance's amendment declaring that Mr. Mantle was not entitled to a seat.

We suspect, too, that the monometallic Senators without knowing the fact allowed their prejudices against the free coinage of silver to mislead them into voting against seating Mr. Mantle.

The majority against seating was only four, counting Mr. Manderson with the negative, (as he voted "aye" only to enable him to move a reconsideration of the question.)

Imparting Value.
If anybody desires to know what is meant by claiming that the fiat of the Government "imparts a value" to silver dollars, which they would not otherwise possess, let him read the following explanation: "If the Government stamps a thing as having a certain value when it does not actually possess that value, but if the Government nevertheless proclaims that it will receive the thing as of that value in the payment of all dues to it, then the thing will pass current as of the stamped value so long as the Government is willing and able to receive it as of that value."

RELIGIOUS BODIES IN SESSION.

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